

and despicable act, and I hope that the perpetrator is brought to justice. After the theft, elderly and sick veterans at the center were preparing to adjust to watching their favorite movies, TV shows, and Milwaukee Brewers games on an older and smaller television, until a local businessman heard what had happened on the radio.

Michael Costigan, the general manager of the Waukesha Home Design Center and a veteran himself, was incensed by this incident, and decided to take action. He and the company's 25 employees, many of whom are also veterans, immediately made arrangements to donate a 52-inch flat-panel high-definition television to the Veterans Center. Just this morning, Mr. Costigan and other employees personally delivered the television to a group of ecstatic veterans, who will no longer suffer because of the inconsideration of another. I am pleased to hear that the residents have already set up their Nintendo Wii to play bowling.

I am highlighting this compelling story on the Senate floor today because of the example it sets for each and every one of us. The company has only been in business since November of last year, but they have already made a lasting impression on their local area. While we in Congress must do all that we can to support our nation's heroic and patriotic veterans, it is good to see that there are individuals and businesses caring for those who have given so much to defend our country's freedoms. My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to Michael Costigan and the Waukesha Home Design Center's employees for their work of selflessness and charity, and I wish them a bright future in all of their endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2634. An act to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States

and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3033. An act to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the government-wide suspension and debarment system.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building".

H.R. 3928. An act to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require certain recipients of Federal funds to disclose the names and total compensation of their most highly compensated officers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building".

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building".

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building".

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building".

H.R. 5613. An act to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5712. An act to require disclosure by Federal contractors of certain violations relating to the award or performance of Federal contracts.

H.R. 5819. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 2903. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 322. Concurrent resolution recognizing the 60th anniversary of the founding of the modern State of Israel and reaffirming the bonds of close friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2903. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2634. An act to provide for greater responsibility in lending and expanded cancellation of debts owed to the United States and the international financial institutions by low-income countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 3033. An act to improve Federal agency awards and oversight of contracts and assistance and to strengthen accountability of the Government-wide suspension and debarment system; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3721. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1190 Lorena Road in Lorena, Texas, as the "Marine Gunnery Sgt. John D. Fry Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3928. To amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require certain recipients of Federal funds to disclose the names and total compensation of their most highly compensated officers, and for other purpose; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 4185. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5479. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5483. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5528. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5819. An act to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 5613. To extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 2920. A bill to reauthorize and improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 24, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2903. An act to amend Public Law 110-196 to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond April 25, 2008.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5913. A communication from the Under Secretary of Agriculture (Natural Resources and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's proposal to accept a 160-acre donation from the Wilderness Land Trust; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5914. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Metconazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8360-5) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5915. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Secretary of Agriculture, received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5916. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pyraclostrobin; Pesticide Tolerance for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8359-7) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5917. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyazofamid; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8360-4) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5918. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8359-9) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5919. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to acquisitions made from foreign entities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5920. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Defense Environmental Programs report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5921. A communication from the Principal Deputy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5922. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a document recently issued by the Agency entitled, "Lead Hazard Information Pamphlet; Notice of Availability"; to the Com-

mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5923. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Maximum Mortgage Limits for Multifamily Housing" (RIN2502-AI62) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5924. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 18189) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5925. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" (73 FR 18197) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5926. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (73 FR 18188) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5927. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures for Debt Collection" (Docket No. 47535-01-U) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5928. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" (73 FR 17926) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5929. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12978 with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5930. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5931. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Hook-and-Line Commercial Fishery for Gulf Group King Mackerel in the Southern Florida West Coast Subzone" (RIN0648-XG54) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5932. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XG08) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5933. A communication from the Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Af-

fairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; E911 Requirements for IP-Enabled Service Providers" (FCC 08-78) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5934. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Ash Fork and Paulden, Arizona" (MB Docket No. 07-220) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5935. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations; Clayton, Oklahoma" (MB Docket No. 07-227) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5936. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Various Rules Affecting Wireless Services" (WT Docket No. 03-264) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5937. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Universal Service Support for Health Care Providers—Eligibility" (FCC 08-47) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5938. A communication from the Legal Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Facilitating the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands; Reviewing of the Spectrum Sharing Plan Among Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit Mobile Satellite Service Systems in the 1.6/2.4 GHz Bands" (FCC 08-83) received on April 17, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5939. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inseason Trip Limit Reduction for the Commercial Fishery for Golden Tilefish for the 2008 Fishing Year" (RIN0648-XG34) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5940. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Eastern Aleutian District and the Bering Sea Subarea for Vessels Participating in the BSAI Trawl Limited Access Fishery" (RIN0648-XG52) received on April 23, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5941. A communication from the Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management